

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 1 April 2015

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor P. M. Tinman (Chair) presiding

Councillors Mrs P. M. Attridge, A. I. Dunbar, A. Dunbobbin, C. Granger, R. V. Hill, E. W Owen, C. Risley, A. J. Roberts, I. R. Smith & M. White.
Mr I. D. Jones (Clerk & Financial Officer)
Miss H. M. Edwards (Administrative Officer)

250. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

251. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge, B. Dunn, E. S. Faulkner, Mrs G. A. Faulkner, A. P. Shotton, W. P. Shotton, S. D. Tattum & P. J. Wainwright.

252. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E. W. Owen declared an interest in item 20 – Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges
Councillor Mrs P. M. Attridge declared an interest in item 22 – Allotment Tenancy Agreement, Tenancy Handbook and Condition relating to the keeping of hens.

253. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair welcomed PC Marie Williams.

Members asked the Police present to express concern at the continuing escalation of costs incurred by the Police Commissioner's Office.

Parking in Merlyn Avenue was being monitored by Police. No tickets for obstruction had been issued. Police need to be contacted when obstructing the pavements was happening.

There had been a significant decrease in car theft in recent weeks.

When schools were on holidays there was an increase of youths on the streets. Plans in place at Morrisons/Redhall re: Dispersal Orders in these areas. Also other hot spots would be targeted.

(i) Members raised the following issues:

- Communications with elderly people.
- Police to continue communications.
- When Year 11 leave school after exams there could be more problems.

- Police had formulated a plan to deal with this effectively e.g: Dispersal Orders.
- Any information received on bike stolen in Howard Street.
- Nothing had been received.
- Vehicles parking on pavements causing obstruction to pedestrians etc.
- Needed to be reported to Police when happening. Traffic Wardens cannot issue tickets only if vehicles parked on double yellow lines. Police issue tickets when vehicles parked on pavements causing an obstruction.

The Chair thanked PC Marie Williams.

- (ii) Owl Alerts – information was passed to Councillors.

Confirmed 27 April 2015

Presiding Chair

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 01/04/15

Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

254. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held 23 February 2015 (page 70) and 4 March 2015 (pages 72 & 73) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

255. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 051926 245 High Street, Connah's Quay - AMENDMENT
Proposed construction of 4 no. 2 bedroomed houses with adjacent parking.
- (b) 052626 ERF, Deeside Industrial Park, Weighbridge Road – AMENDED
Proposed construction and operation of an Energy Recovery Facility (referred to as an ‘ERF’) and ancillary facilities, comprising offices and welfare facilities, visitor centre, bottom ash recycling and maturation facilities, access roads and weighbridge facilities, electrical compound, together with peripheral landscaping and security fencing. The proposals also make provision for a rail connection, sidings and associated infrastructure.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council reiterates its previous objections on this application.

- (c) 053262 146 Church Street, Connah's Quay
Proposed erection of MOT testing bay.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council has no objections to applications (a) & (c)

- (d) 053292 Quay Shopping Centre, Ffordd Llanarth, Connah's Quay
Proposed change of use of part of existing building back to previous use as Public House.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council had no objections in principle to application (d) but some concern was expressed regarding late night opening and potential disturbance to local residents given the close proximity to residential areas. The Town Council would welcome restriction on very late opening.

256. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 052334, 052561, 053121 & 053149.

Confirmed 27 April 2015

Presiding Chair

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 01/04/15

Councillor A. J. Roberts (Chair) presiding

257. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 4 March 2015 (pages 73, 74, 75 & 78) were received and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

258. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Clerk submitted the following (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

- (a) Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading for the month of February 2015;
(b) Statement of Imprest Account Payments during the month of February 2015;
and (c) Quay Café Activity Statement for the month of February 2015;

RECOMMENDED:

That the reports be received.

259. NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

None received.

260. NORTH WALES TREATMENT PLANT

No further updates.

261. CCTV

No further updates.

As the Civic Centre Offices were to be demolished, the CCTV hub located there would be relocated to Connah's Quay Town Council, Quay Building.

262. FUTURE OF CIVIC CENTRE OFFICES, CONNAH'S QUAY

Civic Centre Offices to be demolished.

263. NHS AND TRANSATLANTIC TRADE & INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (TTIP)

The Clerk submitted letter dated 17th March 2015 from Carl Sargeant, AM and a copy of a letter dated 18th March from Mark Tami, MP (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Both letters expressed concern over the interaction between public services and TTIP. Although there is support for trade agreements there was great unease about the potential impact of the current agreement on public services, particularly the NHS.

The Welsh Government had asked the UK Government for a guarantee that the NHS could be exempt from the TTIP. This assurance had been given by the Prime Minister, the European Commission and the US Government.

Both letters supported the concern and that negotiations on TTIP be properly scrutinised at UK and EU level.

Councillors noted the responses.

The Clerk had written to David Cameron, Prime Minister and Carwyn Jones, First Minister but had not yet received a reply.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters be received.

264. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

The Clerk submitted a renewal notice for Membership.

RECOMMENDED:

To renew the Membership.

265. QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY FORUM

The Clerk submitted a report by the Chair/Town Clerk of the Meeting held on 26th February 2015 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Items considered were:

- Presentation by One Voice Wales
- Community Covenant - Armed Forces
- White Paper on Local Government Re-organisation.
- Flintshire Planning Code
- Community Asset Transfer
- News and updates including Council Tax
- Joint Working

Councillor Dunbar stated that Council Tax could be paid on line. If a hard copy was required then there would be a charge of £1.00

Councillor Owen asked how residents could pay Council Tax if no bank account. The committee were informed that Paypoint services were available in many shops.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Report be received and that the Clerk request a list of Paypoints in the area.

266. 2018 REMEMBRANCE PARADE COMMEMMORATION OF THE END OF WW1

The Clerk submitted an email from Benny Ball, Hon Secretary, Royal Welch Fusiliers, regarding a request from the Project Manager Mr Peter Davies asking for a Town Council representative on the 2018 Parade Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That the email be received and Councillor M. White be the Town Council representative.

Confirmed 27 April 2015

Presiding Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 01/04/15

Councillor Mrs P. M. Attridge (Chair) presiding

267. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 4 March 2015 (pages 76 & 77) were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

268. MONITORING OF ACTIVITY/PROFITABILITY

The Clerk submitted the following statements (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

- (a) Civic Hall Activity/Profitability Statements
for the months of February 2015.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

- (b) Community Centre Activity/Profitability Statements
for the month of February 2015.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

269. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016

- (a) Basix Wrestling
Charity Wrestling Event
Friday 13th March 2015
WAIVER
- (b) Flintshire Disability Forum
Coffee Morning
One of the following dates 20th, 21st, 22nd or 23rd April 2015
WAIVER

CIVIC HALL – FINANCAL YEAR 2016/2017

- (b) Hawarden Institute Dance Club
Summer Charity Dance
Saturday 25th June 2016
WAIVER

RECOMMENDED:

That the waivers be agreed for the above.

270. DEESIDE COMMUNITY ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Committee received a report from appointed delegate, Councillor R. V. Hill who stated that there was a meeting at the beginning of March and that 10% financial cutbacks had been implemented. Should another 10% go then the cost would be £30.00-£50.00 for creative arts days in schools.

Members expressed concerns at this news and the effect on schools.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received and that the Clerk writes to the Heads of the Schools asking for feedback.

271. ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT, TENANCY HANDBOOK AND CONDITION RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF HENS

The Clerk submitted these documents as agreed by the Policy Sub-Group and reviewed by the National Allotments Society (Copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The following amendments to the conditions were agreed thus:

- “Tenants do not need to be members of Mill Lane Allotment Association”
- “No dogs unless on a leash with the exception of guide dogs.”

RECOMMENDED:

That the documents be received, approved and adopted subject to any minor amendments following a consultation exercise with tenants.

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Presiding Chair